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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
CHRISTOPHER A. BODE ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/022,488

Filed: 12/17/2001

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING
PHOTOLITHOGRAPHY OVERLAY RESISTRATION
INCORPORATING FEEDFORWARD OVERLAY
INFORMATION

Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: CHRISTOPHER G. YOUNG

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MAY 1, 2003Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 1, 2003 for which the date for response is May 31, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT4542.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-18, *i.e.*, the Group I claims. Applicant also requests that claims 34 and 35 be combined with the Group I claims. Claims 34 and 35 are claims to "means" for practicing the process claims set forth in the Group I claims. According to MPEP § 806.05(e), a "means" claim is a linking claim and must be examined with the elected invention. If it is ultimately allowed, rejoinder of the non-elected claims is required. See MPEP § 809.04. Claims 34 and 35 satisfy the criteria set forth in MPEP 806.05(e) as linking claims, and are therefore entitled to examination with the elected Group I claims. Also, if claims 34 and 35 are found to be allowable, Applicants are entitled to have the remaining Group II claims (*i.e.*, 19-33) rejoined.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (608) 833-0748 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.



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